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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: MAURITANIA ON GUAM (FOURTH COMMITTEE, ITEM 25)

REF: (A) STATE 281097, (B) STATE 281791

1. AMBASSADOR MADE MANDATED PRESENTATION ON GUAM (REFA)
TO AMBASSADOR MUHAMMAD OULD SIDI 'ALI, FOREIGN MINISTRY
DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS NOVEMBER 17. CONCLUDED WITH
EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR GIRM UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT
ON GUAM AT LAST GA, AND HOPE FOR CONTINUATION OF SAME HELPFUL
POLICY.

2. IN RESPONSE, POLITICAL DIRECTOR RECALLED FOREIGN MINISTER
MOUKNASS HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT-LEVEL DECISION, HE HAD INSTRUCTION GIRM UNDEL
TO ABSTAIN ON GUAM AND PUERTO RICO. SIDI 'ALI THEN CONFIRMED
THOSE INSTRUCTIONS TO MAURITANIAN DELEGATION STILL STAND.HE
NOTED THAT GIMR'S OWN POLITICAL OBJECTIVES AND CONCERNS MAY
NOT PERMIT IT TO TAKE DECISIVE PUBLIC POSITION, BUT PRINCIPLE
OF SUPPORTING US ON THIRD WORLD ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO US IS
FIRM AND CLEAR.POLITICAL DIRECTOR INDICATED HE HAD
FOUND DETAILS OF PRESENTATION HELPFUL, AND WOULD WITH
PLEASURE CONVEY GIST TO HIS MINISTERIAL SUPERIORS.
SIDI 'ALI CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FOR
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FULL AND FRANK PRESENTATION OF USPOSITION AND REASONS

THEREFOR, NOTING THAT GIRM APPRECIATED BEING ACCORDED STATUS OF SERIOUS INTERLOCUTOR, AND IMPLYING THAT US ATTITUDE AND MATERIALS MADE IT EASIER (A) FOR GIRM TO HOLD GIRM TO DECISION IN PRINCIPLE, AND (B) FOR GIRM REPS TO EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY THEIR CONDUCT TO THEIR THIRD WORLD COLLEAGUES.

3. FRENCH TRANSLATION OF TALKING POINTS WAS MOST HELPFUL: IT PERMITTED MORE ELEGANT PRESENTATION AND SAVED MUCH TIME. WE URGE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT TACTIC AS STANDARD PRACTICE AND TO WIRE FRENCH AND ENGLISH TEXTS TO FILED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

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